SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
OMB Control No: 3000–1003.
Title: Communications Disaster Information Reporting System (DIRS).
Form No.: N/A.
Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.
Respondents: Business or other for-profit and not-for-profit institutions.
Number of Respondents: 3,900 respondents for updated and new contact information (3,200 for updated contact information and 700 for new contacts); 300 respondents for critical information input. Total number of respondents is 4,200.
Estimated Time Per Response: 0.1 hours for updated or new contact information; 0.5 hours for initial input of critical information; and 0.1 hours for daily updates of critical information.
Frequency of Response: On occasion and annual reporting requirements. Annual requirement is for updated contact information. For critical information, the information is requested on a daily basis during a declared emergency and activation of the Disaster Information Reporting System (DIRS). The information is updated daily until the emergency ends, on average about 10 days per emergency. Three emergencies requiring data collection through DIRS are assumed to occur per year.
Obligation to Respond: Voluntary. Statutory authority for this collection of information is contained in 47 U.S.C. sections 154(i), 218, and 303(r).
Total Annual Burden: 390 hours for new and updated contact information; 1,160 hours for critical information input = 1,650 total annual burden hours.
Privacy Act Impact Assessment: N/A.

Nature and Extent of Confidentiality: Because the information input to DIRS is sensitive, for national security and/or commercial reasons, DIRS filings are non–public and treated as presumptively confidential upon filing. DIRS filings will, however, be shared with the National Communications System (NCS) and other Federal agencies authorized to participate in Emergency Support Function–2 (ESF–2) (Communications) of the National Response Framework.

Need and Uses: The Commission will submit this expiring information collection to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) after this 60 day comment period in order to obtain the full three year clearance from them. The Commission is requesting an extension (no change in the reporting requirements). The Commission has reduced the information collection burden for this expiring collection which is due to fewer respondents.

This collection as currently approved by OMB is needed to be able to reach emergency contact personnel at key telecommunications providers (such as wireline, wireless, broadcast, cable and satellite entities) during an emergency to assess the status of their facilities and network(s), and to determine appropriate agency response.

DIRS is an electronic database that telecommunications providers can access via the Internet to voluntarily enter and update emergency contact information and, in the event of an actual emergency, infrastructure and network status and damage information and/or resource requirements. In the event of a natural disaster or other emergency event, the DIRS database may be used to contact communications providers in affected areas and to inform them that DIRS has been activated and they can input data into DIRS, to further determine the extent of any damage and to gauge the appropriate agency response.

The Commission needs to continue OMB approval for this information collection in order to perform its homeland security and public safety functions as required by the Communications Act of 1934, as amended; coordinate DIRS data with the Department of Homeland Security’s National Communications System (NCS) in support of NCS’s role as the primary agency for ESF–2 (Communications) of the National Response Framework; and coordinate DIRS data with other Federal agencies authorized to participate in ESF–2 (Communications) of the National Response Framework.